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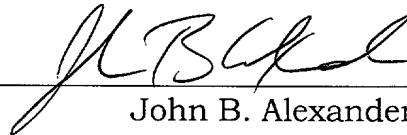
FOR: DRUG-IMMOBILIZED PARTICLES AND A PROCESS OF
PURIFYING PROTEINS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application, being filed herewith, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-18.

Kindly add the following new claims.

19. (new) A protein comprising an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ.
ID. No. 2 in which one or more amino acids are deleted, added or substituted.

REMARKS

The paragraph entitled "CROSS-PREFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" has been amended in the continuation application transmittal filed herewith.


Solely for the purpose of reducing initial extra claim fees for the application, and without any prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-18 have been cancelled without prejudice and claim 19 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments.

Early consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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